



# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

May 14, 2021

## Housing Element Public Survey Due May 31

Take a survey about your experience securing housing in HB and your vision for what our housing stock should look like in the future! Share your input using this anonymous survey (in English and Spanish) at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/housingelement](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/housingelement).

Your input will be used to update our 2021-2029 Housing Element, which establishes housing goals, policies, and programs to accommodate the City's current housing needs and guide housing growth through 2029.

This is a critically important document that will help ensure the City's ability to accommodate current need and future growth. So please consider participating today!

## PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE  
FOR 2021-2029

Take the survey now at:

[www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov/HousingElement](http://www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov/HousingElement)



SURVEY OPEN UNTIL MAY 31, 2021



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## The Mayor's Corner - By Kim Carr

### City Rolls Out the County's 1st Mobi-Mat at 6th Street Lot

On May 5, Mayor Kim Carr and fellow councilmembers rolled out the City's first Mobi-Mat to improve accessibility for visitors with disabilities, parents with strollers, and others with limited mobility.

Located next to the parking lot at 6th Street and PCH, the mat serves as a stable walkway that safely leads guests across the sand and to the water's edge (during high tide). The Mobi-Mat is portable, non-slip, and made with 100% recyclable materials.



The City of Huntington Beach hopes to install more in the near future and continue increasing access to its world class beaches. Come on down to the beach to check it out now!





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## Public Information Office

### LGBTQ Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall May 22 at 9 am



In honor of Harvey Milk Day and LGBTQ Pride Month, the City will raise the rainbow flag on Saturday, May 22 at 9 a.m. at City Hall. The flag will be flown through the end of June 2021 to further celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month. The City Council voted at the May 3 meeting (6-0) to celebrate our individual freedom of expression and show the world that HB welcomes and honors everyone.

### American Legion Post 133 to Host Memorial Day Event



The Huntington Beach American Legion Post 133 will host a small Memorial Day recognition event at the Civic Center on Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. Post 133 and the City's public safety departments will be represented, along with comments from special guest speakers.

## Public Information Office

### May is American Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Tsurumatsu “T.M.” Asari is reported to be the first Japanese immigrant to arrive in Huntington Beach around 1899-1900, becoming a successful merchant and produce farmer and one of the three goldfish farmers in Huntington Beach.

In addition to farming sugar beet in Huntington Beach and Los Angeles, Asari opened a market on Warner Avenue in Wintersburg Village. There was once a hold up at the market by armed bandits in September 1910, when T.M. Asari arrived with his own revolver and—as reported by the Santa Ana Register—“fired at the men as they ran away in the darkness.”

He was a founder of both the Wintersburg Japanese Mission in 1904 and of Orange County’s first Buddhist church. Today, the Orange County Buddhist Church which Asari helped found is located on Dale Avenue in Anaheim.

In 1924, Asari started goldfish farming, an enterprise continued by his son, Harley (shown in image). By 1934, Asari was showing his goldfish at the annual garden club flower show at Memorial Hall in downtown Huntington Beach. The general location of Asari’s sugar beet and goldfish farm property is east of Newland Street and the Akita Bonsai Nursery, off Warner Avenue. The street sign, “Asari Lane,” serves as a reminder.

The City celebrates AAPI Month with a series of videos highlighting our rich Asian American history. Check out a few of the videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwSDqI8X36g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnwDCdxMos>

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## Public Information Office

## Coming Soon: Small Business Grants Extended to Non-Profit Organizations in HB

Recently, the City finalized program updates with Orange County to facilitate the provision of small business support grants for local HB-based, non-profit organizations. Given the activity level that the City experienced for the current small business support grants, the City still has around \$245K in funding remaining. In an effort to expend the remaining dollars, staff has worked with the County to expressly allow non-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under IRC 501 (c)(3), 501(c)(6), or 501(c)(19), with principal offices located in the City of Huntington Beach, to apply for grant funds.

Eligible organizations will be able to apply for funding to offset any costs incurred due to the impacts associated with COVID-19. The types of non-profit organizations that can apply include but not be limited to:

- Human service organizations (i.e. meeting basic needs, family support, mental health services, etc.)
- Senior service organizations
- Youth outreach and engagement organizations
- Educational organizations
- Arts and culture organizations
- Environmental and animal welfare organizations



City staff is currently working on the final program details, and the City expects to begin advertising the grant opportunity this month.

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## Police Department

### Bicycle Safety Month

May is National Bicycle Safety month! As the warm weather approaches, more people will be choosing to ride their bicycle for leisure or will commute by riding their bicycle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2019 there were 846 bicyclists killed in traffic crashes. To avoid any bicycle injuries, ensure that you are choosing a bicycle that is suited for your height and be mindful of your surroundings. Likewise, motorists should be mindful of bicyclist and share the road. Listed are some additional bicycle safety tips to keep you safe as you enjoy your bicycle ride this summer.



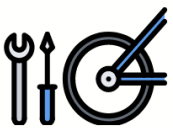
# Bicycle Safety

#### Wear a helmet



- Ensure that your helmet properly fits.
- A "v" should form around the ears and the strap around your chin should not be too tight.

#### Check the bicycle



- Make sure there is enough air in the tires and that the tires are not flat nor worn down.
- Make sure the brakes are working properly by testing them out. There should be nothing rubbing against the wheel.
- The chains should feel smooth and slippery when you touch it.

#### Road Safety



- Obey street signs
- Obey street signals
- Pay attention to road hazards
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.

#### Visibility



- Make sure you are visible by others.
- If you are riding a bicycle at night make sure to add a light to your bicycle and add reflectors to your clothes.

#### Keep your eyes on the road



- Be mindful of your surroundings
- Don't text or talk on the phone while riding your bicycle.

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## Fire Department



# HOME FIRE SPRINKLER WEEK™

A project of the NFPA® Fire Sprinkler Initiative®  
and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition®

The vast majority of fire deaths in North America happen at home. The time has come to bring attention to this problem and its solution! Home Fire Sprinklers can dramatically reduce the heat, flames, and reduce the risk of civilian and firefighter deaths. Fire sprinklers have been around for more than a century, protecting commercial, industrial properties and public buildings. What many people don't realize is that the same life-saving technology is also available for homes, **where roughly 80 percent of all civilian fire deaths occur.**

Home Fire Sprinkler Week will be celebrated the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Follow the Huntington Beach Fire Department's social media accounts to learn more about the benefits of installing residential fire sprinklers such as:

- Home Fire Timeline – How Fast a Fire Spreads
- It's Easy to Live with Fire Sprinklers
- Home Fire Sprinkler Maintenance and Testing

Do you know how fire sprinklers work? Click the link below for an explanation and demonstration performed by the HBFD's own Ruben Solorzano.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzDwbs-VMcY>



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## Community and Library Services Department



The poster is for the Orange County Water Safety Challenge, held on Saturday, May 22, 2021. It features a background of water droplets. At the top, logos for 'STOP DROWNING NOW', 'DROWNING PREVENTION TASK FORCE', and 'Jasper Ray FOUNDATION' are displayed. The main title 'ORANGE COUNTY WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE' is in large, bold, orange letters, with the date 'SATURDAY MAY 22 2021' below it. A sun-like graphic on the right contains the text 'NO SWIM SUIT NEEDED!' and 'THIS EVENT IS DRIVE/WALK THROUGH AT 9 LOCATIONS!'. The text 'JOIN US FOR COUNTY-WIDE DRIVE THROUGH WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE!' is centered. Below this, a paragraph explains the challenge: 'THE WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE IS HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY EACH YEAR BY DOZENS OF CITIES, LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AS A WAY TO SHOWCASE THEIR COMMUNITY'S WATER SAFETY SKILLS.' Another paragraph states: 'THIS YEAR, STOP DROWNING NOW IS PROUDLY PARTNERING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY DROWNING PREVENTION TASK FORCE A TO HOST THIS WATER SAFETY EVENT IN A SAFE WAY.' A third paragraph describes participation: 'STUDENTS, PARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ALIKE WILL PARTICIPATE BY DRIVING UP TO A SERIES OF WATER SAFETY EDUCATION STATIONS. THE CHALLENGE WILL HOSTED BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL ENGAGE IN SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.' A fourth paragraph mentions additional activities: 'IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS CAN JOIN COMMUNITY PARTNER GROUPS TO LEARN CPR AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE.' The final paragraph encourages families to bring the entire family, learn water safety, and grab a free goodie bag, with the website 'WWW.DROWNINGPREVENTIONOC.ORG'. At the bottom, the Huntington Beach logo is shown, with the text 'HUNTINGTON BEACH 9:00-11:00 18041 Goldenwest St.' below it.

**STOP DROWNING NOW**

**DROWNING PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

**Jasper Ray FOUNDATION**

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
**WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE**  
**SATURDAY MAY 22 2021**

**NO SWIM SUIT NEEDED!**

**THIS EVENT IS DRIVE/WALK THROUGH AT 9 LOCATIONS!**

**JOIN US FOR COUNTY-WIDE DRIVE THROUGH WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE!**

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IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS CAN JOIN COMMUNITY PARTNER GROUPS TO LEARN CPR AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY, LEARN HOW TO KEEP SAFE AROUND WATER AND GRAB A FREE GOODIE BAG!  
[WWW.DROWNINGPREVENTIONOC.ORG](http://WWW.DROWNINGPREVENTIONOC.ORG)

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
**9:00-11:00**  
18041 Goldenwest St.



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### Volunteers Needed for Home Delivered Meals

The Senior Center in Central Park needs volunteers for the Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program. Older homebound residents in particular need a friendly smile with their fresh, nutritious meals. Volunteers like John and Shelley Shanty have enjoyed the volunteer program as they helped deliver orchids donated by Trader Joes to brighten the day of the seniors on their route. "I enjoy the experience and giving back to the community," Shelley said.

City Councilmember Barbara Delgleize also delivered meals with longtime volunteer Patti Markowitz. Barbara said of her experience, "We are so fortunate to have Meals on Wheels in Huntington Beach. I really enjoyed delivering the meals to our seniors."

After 17 years of HDM volunteer service, Patti has retired but she still remembers her experience fondly. "I loved the friendliness of the people I delivered to and knowing that I made a big difference in their lives. I always looked forward to my Thursday deliveries because I knew they would brighten my day!"

The Home Delivered Meals program provides breakfast, lunch, dinner and milk every weekday to between 100 and 125 Huntington Beach homebound older adults who qualify. Recipients use Meals on Wheels because they have difficulty preparing daily, well-balanced meals and need a daily check-in. Meals are delivered Monday – Friday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

As a volunteer, you use your vehicle to deliver meals once a week. Substitute volunteers are also needed. To volunteer for this position, you must be 18, complete a volunteer application. Provide proof of a valid California driver's license. Complete a background check. You also must be able to lift a cooler weighing approximately 20 pounds. What you will receive from us is training on delivering meals, specific driving directions, clear addresses, and maps. Meals will be packed and ready for you to pick-up and deliver. Staff will respond promptly to any questions or concerns. To apply you may download an application <https://hbcoa.org/volunteering/>. For any questions, call 714-374-1544.



*Volunteers John and Shelley Shanty*



*City Councilmember Barbara Delgleize  
with longtime volunteer Patti Markowitz.*

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### Youth Services Department – Children's Events



Here's some advance notice for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge, taking place from Saturday, June 19 to Saturday, July 31! The theme this year is "Reading Colors Your World." Children of all ages can sign up for the program online using Beanstack. Participation in the Summer Reading Challenge includes reading 20 minutes every day and then recording it either online or on a paper reading log, which is available either online or at any HBPL branch. Complete the challenge by July 31 to receive a free book and a challenge winner button, featuring artwork from Oliver Jeffers and Herve Tullet! There will also be a variety of activities to participate in, mostly done from home, such as Creativity Corner art projects and activity kits available for pickup throughout the summer. Click here for more information about the challenge and to register at <https://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/SummerReading>.



Attention parents or caregivers of toddlers! Miss Kari has resumed her **Virtual Toddler Storytime** on the library's YouTube channel! Two new episodes of this storytime, intended for a toddler audience of ages 2-3, will be posted on Wednesday, May 19 and May 26 at 10 a.m. Access these storytimes from home and see Miss Kari share songs, rhymes, stories and more! Videos are available anytime to fit into busy schedules.

Click here to watch these plus many more archived storytimes for all ages at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqxtebbOxTa9w1AttaahbiQ>.

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### Adult Services Department Programs



There's still time to register for the library's "Book Buzz with Penguin Random House" publishers, coming up this week on Wednesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. Interested bibliophiles can join this online event with the library's PRH representative Liz Camfiord, who will talk about the hottest new books of the season. This Summer Book Buzz is a great way for readers to find their next great read! Register to receive the URL link a few hours before the event, which will be sent to the e-mail provided during registration. Attendees will also have a chance to win some book lover's raffle prizes upon registration. Click here to register <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7599885>.

### Central Library Makerspace News



Great news! The HBPL Makerspace will open in June, starting with limited hours and on an appointment-only basis, as the library transitions back to their regular schedule. Until then, future makerspace participants can visit the library's Makerspace webpage, at <https://hbpl.libguides.com/makerspace/home> to find ideas and inspiration for projects they can make once they can actually visit in person. Also included online are instructions and other information on how to use the 3D Printing, Laser Engraving and CNC Routing machines, as well as the Cricut, Sewing and Embroidery machines. The library looks forward to welcoming everyone back soon!



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### Youth Services Department – Teen News and Programs



Thanks to a grant from the Public Library Association, the Huntington Beach Public Library is able to hire its first paid Teen Intern this summer! The 10-week long Teen Summer Internship is for all high school students interested in learning more about careers in librarianship. The selected intern will be working with the Teen Librarian to develop a library-related learning project that turns their skills and passions into something beneficial to the library and the community.

Applications for the position are due on Sunday, May 16, and interviews for the selected candidates will be held between Wednesday, May 19 and Friday May 21. For more information, and to apply online, visit <https://bit.ly/HBPLIntern>.



All teens interested in reviewing books and sharing them online are encouraged to visit the Library's Teen Space at <https://hbpl.libguides.com/teens/book-review-blog> and learn how to participate in the HB Teens Book Blog.

Facilitated by the HB Public Library Teen Advisory Group, this blog will both introduce potential members to the Teen Review Staff and provide instructions on how they can become a teen reviewer themselves. Any teen aged 13 and up can apply to write reviews for the HB Teens Book Blog. Although the program has a cap of 30 volunteers, there are still some positions open.

To apply, fill out the online volunteer application and e-mail it to the library's Teen Librarian, Christany, making sure to note on the application that it is for writing book reviews. Click here to apply [https://hbpl.libguides.com/ld.php?content\\_id=53590998](https://hbpl.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=53590998). For those who just want to get ideas for new books to read, no problem. Genres covered by the review blog include contemporary, dystopian, fantasy, historical fiction and many others!

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### Seed Library Provides Free Local Seeds to HBPL Cardholders!

Patrons can visit the Central Library and check out up to four seed packets per month to grow in their home gardens. At the end of the season, we encourage you to let a few plants go to seed and donate the seeds back to the library for others to use - this creates a sustainable and diverse stock of seeds for our community.

The HBPL Seed Library is supported by the efforts of amazing volunteers and GardenPool, who also provide classes on gardening and seed saving. Best of all: all of these services are free to HBPL cardholders!

To learn more about the Seed Library, please visit our online guide at [hbpl.libguides.com/seedlibrary](http://hbpl.libguides.com/seedlibrary).



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## Public Works Department

### Save Our Beaches

Our local beaches are facing an unprecedented attack that has diminished the coastline between Seal Beach to the north and Newport Beach to the south. This 12-mile stretch of coastline has been depleted of sand due to winter storms and natural tidal effects which have made entire segments vulnerable to flooding and damaging wave action. The natural sand replenishment process has been impaired by the construction of dams and other flood control structures which prevent the migration of sand down our rivers to the ocean. To mitigate these effects, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has dredged sand from an off-shore location and deposited the sand on the beach since 1964. These projects were to be conducted every five to seven years but due to a lack of federal funding, the last project was conducted in 2010.



The sand is chomped away in Newport Beach after a storm causes erosion. Officials in northern Orange County coastal towns are wondering why the federal government hasn't been able to fund projects to keep the beaches sandy. (File photo: SAM GANGWER/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Without this sand replenishment projects, our coastline and beaches may not be accessible to recreate during high tides and the threat of flooding is amplified as was the case in Newport Beach on July 3, 2020 where a high tide event coincided with a major south swell. This resulted in up to three feet of corrosive saltwater encroaching onto and into private homes and damaging up to 80 cars.

This might be a preview of the new normal if we don't replenish our beaches with the necessary sand required to act as a natural buffer. To draw attention to this increasingly dire situation, the cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Seal Beach and the County of Orange have all adopted or will soon adopt resolutions to implore USACE and the federal government to fund the beach nourishment projects and to replenish our beach sand as soon as possible before we lose more coastline or property and even lives.

Want to learn more? See Public Works' Environmental Services Manager Jim Merid's interview with KABC-TV, Channel 7: <https://abc7.com/sand-shortage-beach-oc-orange-county/10575788/>



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## City Hall Directory

Helpline	(714) 536-5511
City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Community Development	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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